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Matuschek et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING CAROTENOIDS
OR THEIR PRECURSORS USING
GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS OF
THE BLAKESLEA GENUS, CAROTENOIDS
OR THEIR PRECURSORS PRODUCED BY
SAID METHOD AND USE THEREOF

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued in the above-identified patent application. The official Filing Receipt received by Applicants, a copy of which is attached hereto, has two missing names and a misspelled address under Applicant(s), an error under Assignment, and the Domestic Priority data information is incorrect. They are as follows:

- 1) Applicant number five, "Axel Brakhage, Hannover, GERMANY", is missing from the filing receipt;
- 2) Applicant number six, "Brigitte Achatz, Mannheim, GERMANY", is missing from the filing receipt;
- 3) Address of Applicant number two, should read "Mannheim";
- 4) The Assignee should read "BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT, Ludwigshafen, GERMANY";


- 5) The Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant should read,
"PCT/EP2004/000099".

The original Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition was filed on September 6, 2005,
a copy of which is attached hereto.

Applicants additionally request that all pertinent U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
records relating to the subject application be changed to reflect these corrections.

As the error was made by the Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants believe no fee
is due with this request. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-
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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/541,750**

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Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

Method for producing carotenoids or their precursors using genetically modified organisms of the blakeslea genus, carotenoids or their precursors produced by said method and use thereof

Preliminary Class

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR PRODUCING CAROTENOIDS OR THEIR PRECURSORS USING
GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS OF THE BLAKESLEA GENUS,
CAROTENOIDS OR THEIR PRECURSORS PRODUCED BY SAID METHOD AND USE
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the specification of which was filed on January 9, 2004 as Application No.
PCT/EP2004/000099.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

☐ no such foreign applications have been filed

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EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
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Application Number	Country	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
103 00 649.4	DE	January 9, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No
103 41 271.9	DE	September 8, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No

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